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SUMMARY: PUBLIC GHANAIAN RESPONSE TO EVENTS IN PORTUGUESE AFRICA INDICATES ACCEPTANCE PORTUGUESE GOOD FAITH. FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE DESIRABILITY RESPONSIBLE LINE IN UNGA ON BOTH PORTUGUESE AND SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUES, BUT GHANA WILL NEITHER DEPART FROM NOR LEAD OAU OPINION EITHER ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

1. GHANA HAS BEEN GENERALLY RESPONSIVE TO CURRENT PORTUGUESE MOVES TOWARD DECOLONIZATION IN AFRICA. AT TIME, EDITORIALS IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESS PRAISED BOTH PORTUGUESE LEADERSHIP AND GUINEA-BISSAU FREEDOM FIGHTERS AS VARIOUS STEPS WERE TAKEN LEADING TO THAT COLONY'S INDEPENDENCE. ON SEPTEMBER 21, GOG ISSUED STATEMENT (DRAFTED IN MFA) ON OCCASION OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENTAL CHANGE WHICH COMBINED APPLAUSE FOR PORTUGUESE (AND CONCERN THAT WHITES MIGHT AGAIN TRY TO DISRUPT PROGRESS),  
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GOOD WISHES FOR FRELIMO LEADERSHIP, AND EXHORTATION

BOTH TO PORTUGUESE AND TO FEUDING FACTIONS TO WORK FOR EARLY CHANGE IN ANGOLA. THIS FOLLOWED BY SEPTEMBER 25 EDITORIAL IN "GHANAIAI TIMES" APPLAUDING SOARES UN SPEECH AND ASKING "WORLD TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO PORTUGAL'S APPEAL FOR FORGIVENESS." THUS, WHILE NOT HOLDING CELEBRATIONS IN HONOR OF NEW PORTUGUESE LEADERSHIP, THERE IS CLEAR MESSAGE DOMESTICALLY THAT GHANA RECOGNIZES THERE HAS BEEN REVERSAL IN LISBON AND GOP SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE NEW POLICY OF DECOLONIZATION.

2. IN IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL (A), POLCOUNSELOR RAISED SUBJECT WITH DIRECTOR, AFRICAN DIVISION, MFA (FOLI), WHO REINFORCED POINTS MADE IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. HE SAID THAT GHANA BELIEVED OAU SHOULD TAKE MORE POSITIVE STANCE TOWARD REHABILITATION OF PORTUGAL IN AFRICA BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT GHANA WOULD NOT GET OUT IN FRONT ON QUESTION. HE CITED NIGERIAN DENIAL OF OVERFLIGHTS AS EXAMPLE OF WHAT SHOULD NOT BE DONE. HE SAID THAT OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND TRADE TIES SHOULD COME RATHER EARLY BUT AGAIN MADE IT CLEAR GHANA WOULD NOT BE FIRST TO DO SO. HE ALSO THOUGHT SUCH CHANGES SHOULD COME AS A COORDINATED OAU ACTION RATHER THAN PIECEMEAL, MENTIONING SENEGAL AS ONE MOVING AHEAD OF OTHERS.

3. IN SAME CONVERSATION, FOLI SAID THAT GHANA WOULD NOT OPPOSE OAU MOVE FOR EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA, BUT ADDED THAT HIS "PERSONAL VIEW" WAS THAT THIS STEP WOULD BE WRONG AND IMPLIED THAT HE AND OTHERS AT LAST OAU SESSION HAD QUIETLY TRIED TO SHELVE ISSUE. (EDITORIAL MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE CONTINUED TO SAY "WE ARE CALLING ON ALL COUNTRIES...TO BREAK ALL TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL APARTHEID IS COMPLETELY KILLED.") HE SAW DANGER IN USE OF EXPULSION, ADDING THAT PROBABLY EVERY COUNTRY WAS IN SOME FORM OF VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER AND RESOLUTIONS. USG POSITION (REFTEL B) HE SAID WAS CLOSE TO HIS PERSONAL POSITION, BUT MADE IT APPARENT THAT GHANA WOULD ADHERE TO OAU LINE ALTHOUGH HE SUGGESTED SOME OAU MEMBERS MIGHT NOT. HE RECALLED INTERNAL REACTION TO FORMER PM BUSIA'S PROPOSALS FOR "DIALOGUE" WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND OPPOSITION FROM WITHIN HIS OWN CABINET, AND LISTED THIS AS AMONG THE CAUSES OF HIS DOWNFALL.

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4. FOLI DID ADD, HOWEVER, THAT HE THOUGHT THERE HAD BEEN CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA, HOWEVER SMALL, AND THAT MORE MIGHT FOLLOW THE INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN THE SOUTH. HE THOUGHT THAT LOSS OF CONTACT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT CAUSE SOUTH AFRICA TO BE MORE ADAMANT AGAINST CHANGE AND THEREBY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS.

5. OVERALL IMPRESSION FROM VARIETY OF SOURCES REMAINS THAT REPORTED FREQUENTLY BY EMBASSY: GHANA IS UNLIKELY TO PLACE ITSELF OUTSIDE UMBRELLA OF OAU ON ANY ISSUE ON WHICH OAU HAS TAKEN POSITION AND GHANA IS ALSO UNLIKELY TO WORK HARD FOR MODIFICATION OF ANY POSITION FROM WITHIN OAU EVEN THOUGH OFFICIALS AT MFA MAY EXPRESS "PERSONAL" RESERVATIONS ABOUT STAND TAKEN. THERE MAY BE NOSTALGIA FOR GHANAIAAN LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA GROUP OF NKRUMAH PERIOD, BUT THIS IS MEMORY AND NOT SUBSTANCE. IT WOULD TAKE REAL GUT ISSUE, OF WHICH THERE ARE NONE ON HORIZON, FOR GHANA TO GO AGAINST OAU.

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